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Docket No.: M190.134.101

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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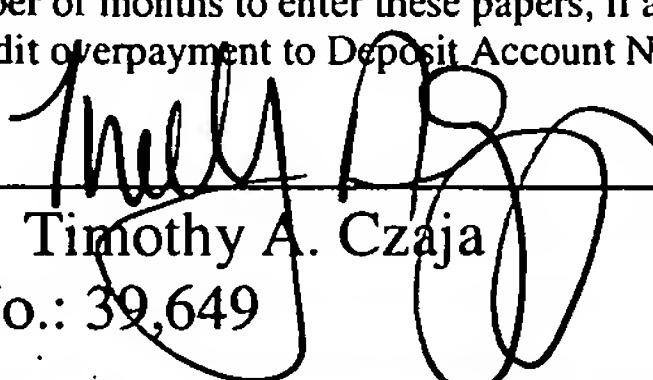
- Transmittal Sheet containing Certificate of Mailing (1 pg.).
- Amendment and Response (13 pgs.);
- The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge the amount of **\$126.00** (to cover the additional claim fees) to **Deposit Account No. 50-0471**.
- Return Postcard.

If an additional fee is required due to changes to the claims, the fee has been calculated as follows:

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED                       |  |   |  |                         |           |          |
|---|--|---|--|-------------------------|-----------|----------|
|   | (1)<br>Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment |   | (2)<br>Highest<br>Number<br>Previously<br>Paid For | (3)<br>Present<br>Extra | Rate      | Fee      |
| TOTAL CLAIMS                            | 50   | - | 43   | 7                       | x 18.00 = | \$126.00 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS                      | 3  | - | 3  | 0                       | x 86.00 = | \$0.00   |
| [ ] MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED |  |   |  |                         |           | \$0.00   |
| TOTAL                                   |  |   |  |                         |           | \$126.00 |

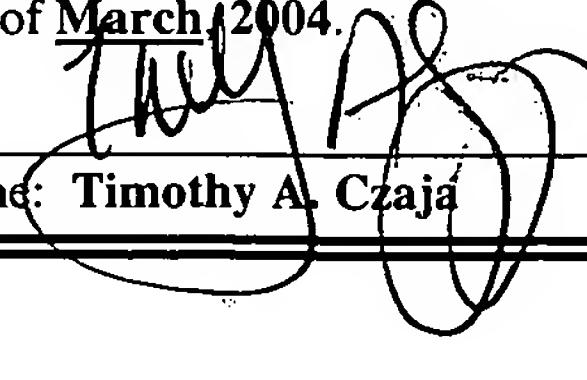
Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0471.

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By:   
Name: Timothy A. Czaja  
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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:

The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 16 day of March 2004.

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